

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

BA-847  
Magi No. 0308472708  
DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Gough United Methodist Church

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 14200 Cuba Road  not for publication

city, town Cockeysville  vicinity of Councilmanic District 3  
congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore Co.

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Gough United Methodist Church

street & number 14200 Cuba Road telephone no.:

city, town Cockeysville state and zip code MD 21030

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber JB 93

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 488

city, town Towson state MD 21204

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Western Run-Belfast Historic District Study

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Md. Hist Trust, 100 Community Place

y, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1976, James T. Wollon, Jr., AIA, wrote the following description of the church:

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In the southeast corner of the foundationn wall is a marble stone carved:

GOUGH M. E. CHURCH  
 BUILT 1884  
 REBUILT 1907.

The interior of this structure was not examined.

Subsequent to the 1976 report, the outer coating of the church was replaced with white aluminum siding. The church makes a pleasant appearance perched on the highbank above Cuba Road near a very large oak tree. There is a fairly new parking lot and a well kept cemetery. Members pointed out in 1977 that there are actually four entrances rather than two as suggested above.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

**Specific dates** Rebuilt 1907 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Located on the west side of Cuba Road north of Shawan Road, this simple church and school were erected by its African-American members in or before 1884. Records do not reveal when the congregation was first formed, but prior to constructing an actual church, worship was conducted in a house owned by Daniel Parker, one of the first trustees. Today, the location of the Parker house or whether it survived, is doubtful. Towson land records show that three trustees, Peter Gauf (as then spelled), Richard Parker, and Daniel Parker of John, purchased one acre from Thomas T. Griffith, November 1, 1875. The trustees belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church (Deeds JB 93:488).

The two-story church housed in its basement a school for the neighborhood children until the early part of the twentieth century. The space was leased by the county School Commissioners and Board of Education and was staffed by publicly paid teachers. When desegregation became mandatory, the children were bussed elsewhere in the region.

The upper floor of the church was used for services. A large cemetery occupies part of the grounds. When the original building was destroyed by fire in 1905, a new structure was built and completed by 1907. The name of the church derives from Peter Gough, the first trustee listed in the deed.

Peter Gough was an employee of the Oregon Furnace during its seven-year operating life, 1851-1857; company ledgers show him on the payroll almost every day that the furnace operated, often for months at a time between blowings-in and blowings-out. He was variously described as ashman, laborer, and guard (J. McGrain, From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck, 1985, pp. 50-51).

The county paper tried to pass Peter Gough off as 104 years old in 1887, claiming him as the oldest voter in the State, perhaps the nation, and a loyal Republican. Gough then lived with his daughter, Charlotte Cary, adjoining the properties of Abraham Griffith and Alfred J. Gent, which would have fixed his last residence on Cuba Road, possibly north of Stone Hall. The same news item stated that Gough had been a slave of Abraham Price and on being set free he saved his money and bought the freedom of his children from Price (Md. Journal, November 19, 1887). The following year, on February 6, 1888, Peter Gough died. His tombstone is heavily weathered but seems to give his age as 102. The 1888 date is confirmed by the Administration Estate records (Liber 2, f. 970) in the Register of Deeds office. The Abraham Price house (MHT Site BA 801) is now 1003 Shawan Road, later called the Gerber House, just west of the Shawan Road exit on I-83.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA 847

National Register form by Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr.,  
AIA, 1976

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 41, Grid 4, Parcel P66

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	None	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Office of Planning

date March 25, 1997

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

telephone 410-887-3495

city or town Towson

state MD 21204

97-227  
Gough United Methodist Church  
West side of Cuba Rd. north of  
Shawan Road  
1884; rebuilt 1907  
Accessibility restricted

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The top floor of the church was used for religious services. A cemetery was created on part of the land.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA-847

MAG 501 8975608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Gauff's Church or Meeting House and School

AND/OR COMMON Gough United Methodist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 14200 Cuba Road

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRESENT USE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees of Gough United Methodist Church Telephone #: 667-9827

STREET & NUMBER 14200 Cuba Road

CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21030

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse Liber #: JB 93

STREET & NUMBER Washington Avenue Folio #: 488

CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1884; rebuilt 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Unpublished history of Gough United Methodist Church written  
by Catherine S. Madden, April 1, 1976.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre<sup>+</sup>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

DATE

For Valleys Historic District Project

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1114 Bellemore Road

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

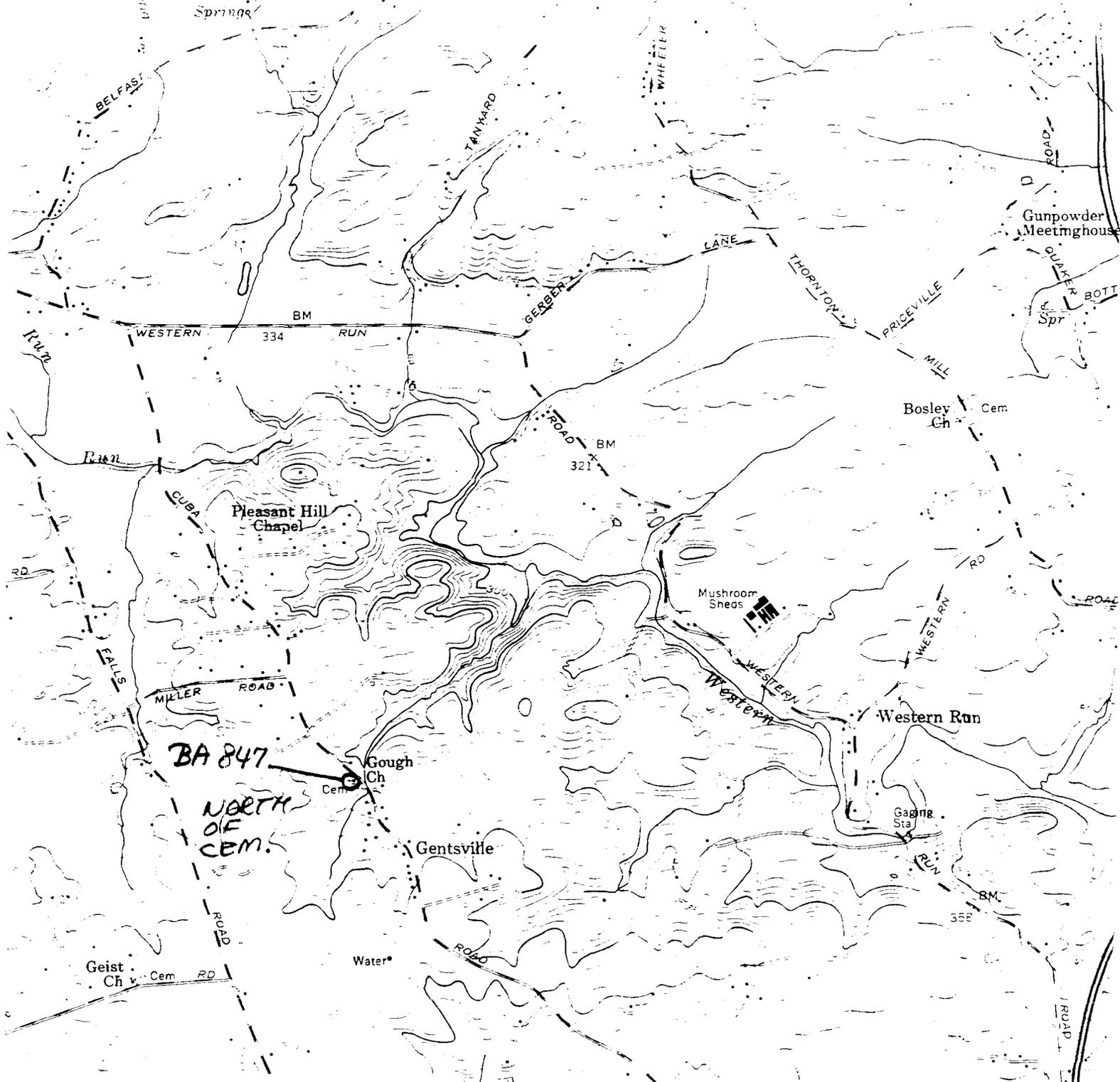
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Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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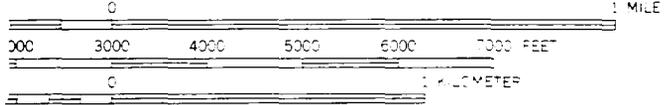
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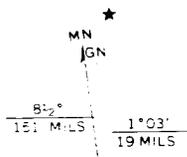
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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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